

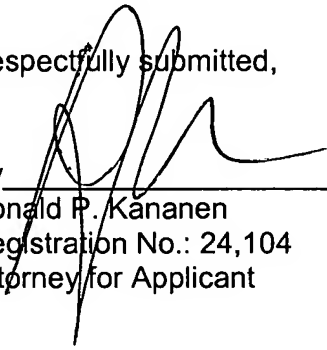
REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-8 and 17-30 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. This Preliminary Amendment is requested to put the divisional application in substantially the same condition as its parent Application No. 10/052,252.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Dated: February 24, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Ronald P. Kananen
Registration No.: 24,104
Attorney for Applicant

RADER, FISHMAN & GRAUER PLLC
1233 20th Street, N.W. Suite 501
Washington, D.C. 20036
Tel: (202) 955-3750
Fax: (202) 955-3751
Customer No. 23353